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mar-shal-ling 1 : to arrange in order, rank, or position
2 : to bring together 3 : to lead with ceremony : USHER
marsh gas *n* : METHANE
marsh-mal-low \mārsh-me-lō, -ma-*n* : a light spongy confection made from corn syrup, sugar, albumen, and gelatin
marsh marigold *n* : a swamp herb related to the buttercups that has bright yellow flowers
mar-su-pi-al \mār-'sū-pē-əl*n* : any of an order of primitive mammals (as opossums, kangaroos, or wombats) that bear very immature young which are nourished in a pouch on the abdomen of the female — **marsupial** *adj*
mart \mārt*n* : MARKET
mar-ten \mār-tēn*n*, *pl* **marten** or **martens** : a slender mammal that is larger than the related weasels and has soft gray or brown fur; *also* : this fur
mar-tial \mār-shāl*adj* [L *martialis* of Mars, fr. *Mars*, Mars, Roman god of war] 1 : of, relating to, or suited for war or a warrior (<~ music) 2 : of or relating to an army or military life 3 : WARLIKE
martial law *n* 1 : the law applied in occupied territory by the occupying military forces 2 : the established law of a country administered by military forces in an emergency when civilian law enforcement agencies are unable to maintain public order and safety
mar-tian \mār-shān*adj*, *often cap* : of or relating to the planet Mars or its hypothetical inhabitants — **martian** *n*, *often cap*
mar-tin \mār-tēn*n* : any of several swallows and esp. one of No. America with purplish blue plumage
mar-ti-net \mār-tā-net*n* : a strict disciplinarian
mar-tin-gale \mār-tēn-gāl*n* : a strap connecting a horse's girth to the bit or reins so as to hold down its head
mar-ti-ni \mār-tē-nē*n* : a cocktail made of gin or vodka and dry vermouth
mar-tyr \mār-tēr*n* [ME, fr. OE, fr. LL, fr. Gk *martyr*, *martyr's* witness] 1 : a person who dies rather than renounce a religion; *also* : a person who makes a great sacrifice for the sake of principle 2 : a great or constant sufferer
martyr *vb* 1 : to put to death for adhering to a belief 2 : TORTURE
mar-tyr-dom \mār-tēr-dəm*n* 1 : the suffering and death of a martyr 2 : TORTURE
mar-vel \mār-vəl*n* 1 : one that causes wonder or astonishment 2 : intense surprise or interest
mar-vel *vb* **mar-veled** or **mar-velled**; **mar-vel-ing** or **mar-vel-ling** : to feel surprise, wonder, or amazed curiosity (<~ed at the circus act)
mar-vel-ous or **mar-vel-lous** \mār-və-ləs*adj* 1 : causing wonder 2 : of the highest kind or quality — **mar-vel-ous-ly** *adv* — **mar-vel-ous-ness** *n*
Marx-ism \mārk-si-zəm*n* : the political, economic, and social principles and policies advocated by Karl Marx — **Marx-ist** \-sist*n* or *adj*
mar-zipan \mār-tə-pān, -pan; 'mār-zə-pān*n* [G, fr. It *marzapane*] : a confection of almond paste, sugar, and egg whites
mas *abbr* masculine
mas-cara \ma-'sker-ə*n* : a cosmetic esp. for darkening the eyelashes
mas-car-po-ne \mas-kār-'pō-nā*n* : an Italian cream cheese
mas-cot \mas-'kāt, -kət*n* [F *mascotte*, fr. Occitan *mas-coto*, fr. *masco* witch, fr. ML *masca*] : a person, animal, or object adopted usu. by a group to bring good luck
mas-cu-line \mas-kyə-lən*adj* 1 : MALE; *also* : MANLY 2 : of, relating to, or constituting the gender that includes most words or grammatical forms referring to males — **mas-cu-lin-i-ty** \mas-kyə-'li-nə-tē*n*
masculine *n* : a noun, pronoun, adjective, or inflectional form or class of the masculine gender; *also* : the masculine gender
mash \mash*n* 1 : a mixture of ground feeds for livestock 2 : crushed malt or grain steeped in hot water to make wort 3 : a soft pulpy mass
mash *vb* 1 : to reduce to a soft pulpy state 2 : CRUSH, SMASH (<~ a finger) — **mash-er** *n*
MASH *abbr* mobile army surgical hospital
mask \mask*n* 1 : a cover for the face usu. for disguise or protection 2 : MASQUE 3 : a figure of a head worn on

the stage in antiquity 4 : a copy of a face made by means of a mold (<death ~>) 5 : something that conceals or disguises 6 : the face of an animal

mask *vb* 1 : to conceal from view : DISGUISE 2 : to cover for protection

mask-er \mas-kər*n* : a participant in a masquerade

mas-och-ism \ma-sə-'ki-zəm, 'ma-zə-*n* 1 : a sexual perversion characterized by pleasure in being subjected to pain or humiliation 2 : pleasure in being abused or dominated — **mas-och-ist** \-kist*n* — **mas-och-is-tic** \ma-sə-'kis-tik, 'ma-zə-*adj*

ma-son \mā-sən*n* 1 : a skilled worker who builds with stone, brick, or concrete 2 *cap* : FREEMASON

Ma-son-ic \mə-'sā-nik*adj* : of or relating to Freemasons or Freemasonry

ma-son-ry \mā-sən-rē*n*, *pl* **-ries** 1 : something constructed of materials used by masons 2 : the art, trade, or work of a mason 3 *cap* : FREEMASONRY

masque \mask*n* 1 : MASQUERADE 2 : a short allegorical dramatic performance (as of the 17th century)

mas-quer-ade \mas-kə-'rād*n* 1 : a social gathering of persons wearing masks; *also* : a costume for wear at such a gathering 2 : DISGUISE

masquerade *vb* **-ad-ed**; **-ad-ing** 1 : to disguise oneself : POSE 2 : to take part in a masquerade — **mas-quer-ad-er** *n*

mass \mas*n* 1 *cap* : a sequence of prayers and ceremonies forming the eucharistic service of the Roman Catholic Church 2 *often cap* : a celebration of the Eucharist 3 : a musical setting for parts of the Mass

mass *n* 1 : a quantity or aggregate of matter usu. of considerable size 2 : EXPANSE, BULK; *also* : MASSIVENESS 3 : the principal part 4 : AGGREGATE, WHOLE 5 : the quantity of matter that a body possesses as measured by its inertia 6 : a large quantity, amount, or number 7 : the great body of people — usu. used in pl. — **massy** *adj*

mass *vb* : to form or collect into a mass

Mass *abbr* Massachusetts

mas-sa-cre \ma-si-kər*n* 1 : the killing of many persons under cruel or atrocious circumstances 2 : a wholesale slaughter — **massacre** *vb*

mas-sage \mə-'sāzh, -sāj*n* : manipulation of tissues (as by rubbing and kneading) for therapeutic purposes

massage *vb* **mas-saged**; **mas-sag-ing** 1 : to subject to massage 2 : to treat flatteringly; *also* : MANIPULATE, DOCTOR (<~ data>)

mas-seur \ma-'sər*n* : a man who practices massage

mas-seuse \-'sərz, -'süz*n* : a woman who practices massage

mas-sif \ma-'sēf*n* : a principal mountain mass

mas-sive \ma-siv*adj* 1 : forming or consisting of a large mass 2 : large in structure, scope, or degree — **mas-sive-ly** *adv* — **mas-sive-ness** *n*

mass-less \mas-ləs*adj* : having no mass (<~ particles>)

mass medium *n*, *pl* **mass media** : a medium of communication (as the newspapers or television) that is designed to reach the mass of the people

mass-pro-duce \mas-prə-'dūs, -'dyūs*vb* : to produce in quantity usu. by machinery — **mass production** *n*

mast \mast*n* 1 : a long pole or spar rising from the keel or deck of a ship and supporting the yards, booms, and rigging 2 : a slender vertical structure — **mast-ed** \mas-təd*adj*

mast *n* : nuts (as acorns) accumulated on the forest floor and often serving as food for animals (as hogs)

mas-tec-to-my \ma-'stek-tə-mē*n*, *pl* **-mies** : surgical removal of the breast

mas-ter \mas-tər*n* 1 : a male teacher; *also* : a person holding an academic degree higher than a bachelor's but lower than a doctor's 2 : one highly skilled (as in an art or profession) 3 : one having authority or control 4 : VICTOR, SUPERIOR 5 : the commander of a merchant ship 6 : a youth or boy too young to be called *mister* — used as a title 7 : an original from which copies are made

master *vb* 1 : to become master of : OVERCOME 2 : to become skilled or proficient in 3 : to produce a master recording of (as a musical performance)

master chief petty officer *n* : a petty officer of the highest rank in the navy

mas-ter-ful \mas-tər-fəl*adj* 1 : inclined and usu. com-